

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/776,433

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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1655

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to ____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 7/15/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application and were examined on their merits.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Claim 1, replace 'chytochrome' with – cytochrome --. This is a minor spelling correction.

An Examiner's reasons for allowance follows:

Kupchan et al. (US 4,005,108) : Kupchan et al. disclosed an extract of *T.wilfordii* for treating leukemia which was obtained via an ethanol/ethyl acetate extraction followed by chromatographic separation on silica gel, wherein chloroform was the elution solvent (see col's 2-3).

Takaishi et al. (US 5,192,817) disclosed an extract of *T. wilfordii* for inhibiting IL-1 which was obtained by a methanol/ethyl acetate extraction followed by an ethyl acetate/n-hexane extraction, followed by a methanol/ethyl acetate extraction and subsequent chromatography on a Sephadex column (columns 1-2, Example 1).

Qian et al. (US 5,430,054) disclosed antifertility drugs extracted from *T. wilfordii* leaves by methods including a water extract followed by an organic solvent extract, an organic solvent/organic solvent extract followed by chromatography, ethanol extraction followed by chromatography, a chloroform extract followed by chromatography (see Examples 2-7, columns 9-11).

It is clear from the Instant specification that AHT-323A is obtained through a series of steps including comminuting *T. wilfordii* Hook (TW) roots, extraction in ethanol, extraction with chloroform, chromatography on silica gel and collection of a certain number of fractions from elution. None of the references teach or suggest the specific extraction protocol for TW. Nor do any of the references suggest that TW or any extract thereof has any effect toward the inhibition of cytochromes.

Claims 1-4 are allowed.

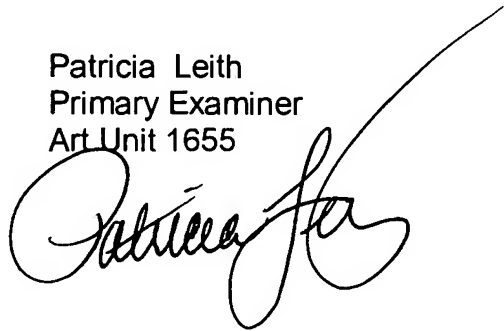
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patricia Leith whose telephone number is (571) 272-0968. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terry McKelvey can be reached on (571) 272-0775. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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